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**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM**

January 30, 2018

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezz at the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Sen. Harold Jones, II (22nd), Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) and Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) were absent.

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked Sen. Anderson (24th) to have a word of prayer.

Sen. Beach (21st) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

Sen. James (35th) arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Chairman Dugan (30th) welcomed the members and said that we would be abiding by the same Committee Rules as the 2017 session posted in their folders. **HB 354 (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 28 8327) Relating to the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center, so as to reconstitute the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority; and for other purposes**

Speaking in favor of the bill:

Mr. Lee Hughes, Trade Center Authority

After a discussion, Chairman Dugan (30th) made a motion to amend the date from 2017 to 2018 on lines 138, 139, 141, 317, 323, 325 and 332. Sen. Jones (10th) seconded the motion and the amendment passed unanimously. Chairman Dugan (30th) made a motion to **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sen. Ben Watson (1st) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 354 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 43 0819S

Chairman Dugan (30th) said that Sen. McKoon (29th) was not present and his bill would not be heard.

Chairman Dugan (30th) said that **SB527** was not on the agenda, but he would let Sen. Lucas (26th) explain his legislation, and that there would not be a vote today.

SR 527 (Sen. Lucas, 26th) General Assembly; operation and regulation of game show contests; authorize – CA

Chairman Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

RULES 2017 – 2018

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The Chair shall determine bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which such are called. The Chair also has the discretion as to which amendments to accept and as to their germaneness.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by the principal author or a legislator whom he/she may designate. In the event more than one member of the Georgia General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
5. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee meeting.
6. These Rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths of the Committee, provided that written notice has been given 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.
7. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagree(s) with the majority of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report.
8. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the full Committee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate, except after consideration by the full Committee.

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM**

February 22, 2018

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018 in the Senate Mezz at the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) Ex-Officio (letter attached)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Left early*)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) (*Left early*)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th), Sen. Joshua McKoon (29th) and Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) were absent

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. and asked Sen. Anderson (24th) to have a word of prayer.

SB 463 (Sen. Dugan, 30th, LC 36 3625S) Electric Motor Vehicles; exception for certain manufacturers; restrictions on the ownership, operation, and control of motor vehicle dealerships; provide

Chairman Dugan (30th) explained his substitute and asked for a motion. Sen. Tillery (19th) made a motion to **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SB 463 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 36 3625S

Sen. Jones (22nd) and Sen. Jones (10th) arrived at 3:40 p.m.

SB 462 (Sen. Albers, 56th) State Health Planning and Development; integrated surgery centers from certificate of need requirements; exempt

Sen. Brass (28th) started to explain the bill for Sen. Albers (56th), but Sen. Albers (56th) arrived at 3:46 p.m. and took over.

Speaking in favor of the bill:

Ms. Gina Lee, Legacy Sports Institute

Chairman Dugan (30th) said that he was going to turn over the Chair to Sen. Brass (28th) for a few minutes at 4:09 p.m. and he left the room.

Speaking against this legislation:

Mr. Ethan James, Georgia Hospital Association

Ms. Keri Conley, Georgia Hospital Association

Chairman Dugan (30th) returned at 4:10 p.m. and reassumed the Chair.

Sen. Tillery (19th) left at 4:15 p.m.

Chairman Dugan (30th) said that there would not be a vote on the bill today.

Sen. Albers (56th) had some final words about the legislation.

Sen. James (35th) left at 4:20 p.m.

Chairman Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 6, 2018

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

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Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Tonya Anderson to serve as a permanent Ex-Officio member of the Senate Economic Development & Tourism Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
President of the Senate

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Cc:
Senate Committee Chairman
Fiscal Office
Appointee

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM**

March 6, 2018

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Ex-Officio (*Left early*)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Josh McKoon (29th), and Sen. Nikema Williams (39th) were absent.

Chairman Dugan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and asked Sen. Tillery (19th) to have a word of prayer.

HB 831 (Rep. Rogers, 10th) Georgia's Employment First Act; enact

Speaking in favor of the legislation:

Mr. Mike Romesburg, CVS Healthcare
Ms. Cheri Mitchell, Georgia Advocacy Office
Ms. Deanna Stinson, Stinson & Associates
Mr. Michael Kozicki, Children's Museum
Ms. Kellie Roberts, Parent
Mr. Josh Wells, Red Robin
Mr. John Wells, Parent
Ms. Crystal Perry, Georgia Vocational Rehab

Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) arrived at 1:24p.m.

Sen. Beach (21st) arrived at 1:25p.m.

Chairman Dugan (30th) asked if Josh Wells (an individual) would like to come to the table and make the motion to **Do Pass**. Josh Wells made the motion and Charlie Miller (son of President Pro Tem Butch Miller) seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairman Dugan (30th) said that these 2 young men had worked very hard to get this legislation passed. Everyone clapped.

Chairman Dugan (30th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 831 DO PASS LC 36 3617ECS

HB 843 (Rep. Shaw, 176th, LC 43 0829) Revenue and taxation; tax credits; include any census tract in a county that contains a federal military installation and industrial park

Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) made a motion to **Do Pass**. Sen. Mullis (53rd) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sen. Walker (20th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 843 DO PASS LC 43 0829

HB 951 (Rep. Shaw, 176th) Education; establish Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation; provisions

Sen. Brass (28th) made a motion to **Do Pass**. Sen. Tillery (19th) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sen. Tillery (19th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 951 DO PASS LC43 0919ERS

Chairman Dugan said that the sponsor of **HB 642** was not present and Sen. Beach (21st) said that he had some issues with the bill and would like for the author to be present to present the legislation.

Chairman Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM
March 13, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Ex-Officio (*Left early*)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Donzella James
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Chairman Mike Dugan (30th) was absent.

Senator Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman, chaired the Committee in Chairman Dugan's (30th) absence. (Letter attached).

Vice-Chairman Brass (28th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and asked Sen. Anderson (24th) to have a word of prayer.

SR 953 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 33 7381) Joint Study Committee on Evaluating the School Year Calendar of Georgia Public Schools; create

Speaking in favor of the bill:
Mr. Dave Kaetzel, Six Flags
Mr. Jim Sprouse, Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association

Sen. James (35th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SR 953 DO PASS LC 33 7381

Sen. Mullis (53rd) arrived at 1:10 p.m.

Sen. Tillery (19th) arrived at 1:12 p.m.

HB 899 (Rep. LaRiccia, 169th, LC 36 3591S) Contracts; limitation on disqualification of bidders; change

Speaking in favor of the bill:

Mr. Mark Woodall, Associated General Contractor

Sen. Jones (10th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sen. Brass (28th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 899 DO PASS LC 36 3591S

HB 489 (Rep. McCall, 33rd, LC 28 8844S) Local government; use Georgia Procurement Registry in addition to official legal organ to advertise certain bid opportunities; provide

Sen. Jones (10th) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sen. Brass (28th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 489 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 28 8844S

HB 995 (Rep. Newton, 123rd, LC 28 8863S) Local government; certain disclosures from consultants who enter into contracts to prepare requirements for bids; provide

Speaking in favor of the bill:

Mr. Mark Woodall, Associated General Contractor

Sen. Jones (10th) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sen. Anderson (24th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 995 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 28 8863S

HB 642 (Rep. Nimmer, 178th) Local government; provide definitions; provisions

Speaking in favor of the bill:

Mr. Robert Highsmith, Holland and Knight

Sen. Anderson (43rd) left at 1:54 p.m.

Sen. McKoon (29th) left at 1:58 p.m. and returned at 2:00 p.m.

Sen. Mullis (53rd) left at 2:07 p.m. and returned at 2:09 p.m.

After much discussion, Sen. Brass (28th) said that today would be a hearing only for **HB 642**.

Vice-Chairman Brass (28th) adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

March 13, 2018

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of State
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Cook:

I have authorized Senator Matt Brass, the Vice Chair of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee, to preside in my absence from the meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in room 125 of the Capitol at 1:00p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Dugan, Chairman
Economic Development Committee

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM
March 20, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Ex-Officio
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary was absent.

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and asked Sen. Williams (39th) to have a word of prayer.

HB 642 (Rep. Nimmer, 178th) LC43 0988ERS Local government; provide definitions; provisions

Sen. Mullis (53rd) arrived at 1:11 p.m.

Rep. Nimmer (178th) explained the changes in the new substitute.

Speaking against the bill:

Mr. Neil Herrin, Georgia Chapter Sierra Club

Neil Herrin read a statement from Mike Dobbins, who is a Professor of Planning Practice at Georgia Tech and was in class and could not attend.

Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 1:29 p.m.

David Bundrick from Legislative Counsel answered some questions about the bill.

Sen. Beach (21st) presented an amendment **AM 43 0091** (attached) to the Committee. Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) made a motion to amend **HB 642**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion and the amendment passed unanimously.

Sen. Tillery (19th) made a motion to amend lines 163, after the comma at levied, strike “less a fee to cover the costs of collection of 1 percent of such proceeds, but not more than \$25,000.00 in any one calendar year”. Sen. Williams (39th) seconded the motion and the amendment passed unanimously.

Chairman Dugan (30th) then asked the will of the Committee. Sen. Williams (39th) made a motion that **HB 642 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 9-2, with Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. James (35th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Lucas (26th), Sen. McKoon (29th), Sen. Mullis (53rd), Sen. Tillery (19th), and Sen. Williams (39th) voting yea. Sen. Anderson (43rd), Ex-Officio and Sen. Beach (21st) voted nay. Sen. Williams (39th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 642 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 43 0994ERS

Chairman Dugan adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

Beach

Beach (21st)

offers the following amendment:

1 Amend the substitute to HB 642 (LC _____) by inserting between lines 100 and 101
2 the following:
3 to provide for the formation of a recommendations committee;

4 By inserting between lines _____ and _____ the following:

5 36-77-1.1.

6 (a)(1) The owners of tangible property subject to taxation within a special improvement
7 district may form a recommendations committee.

8 (2) Such committee may be composed of seven individuals, more or less, who are
9 owners of tangible property subject to taxation within the special improvement district,
10 to be chosen by a majority of such owners who appear at a meeting for such purpose as
11 may be called by at least one owner of tangible property subject to taxation within the
12 special improvement district.

13 (b) Such committee may invite the mayor of each municipality within which the special
14 improvement district lies, and each county commissioner from each county within which
15 the special improvement district lies, as well as others to discuss matters related to the
16 special improvement district, each to be selected by a majority vote of owners of tangible
17 property subject to taxation within the special improvement district.

18 (c) Such committee may make recommendations to the governing authority, including,
19 without limitation, matters regarding:

20 (1) The levy of taxes, fees, or assessments within the special improvement district;

21 (2) The expenditure of the special improvement district's funds;

22 (3) The incurrence of debt on behalf of the special improvement district;

23 (4) The boundaries of the special improvement district; and

24 (5) Any other matter related to the operation and governance of the special improvement
25 district.